

The Social World

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NEW AND OLD . . . Miss Joan Stephens, right, new president of the Girls' Athletic Association, Torrance High School, accepts flowers and congratulations from Outgoing President Marga Wright. Scene is the annual GAA banquet, held last Thursday night at the Civic Auditorium.

JOAN STEPHENS IS NEW GAA PREXY

Miss Joan Stephens received the president's gavel of the Girls' Athletic Association, Torrance High School, from Miss Marga Wright at last Thursday night's GAA banquet, held at the Civic Auditorium.

M. Useldinger Honored With Stork Shower

Yellow predominated in the color scheme Friday evening of last week when Mrs. Mildred Baker hosted a stork shower for Mrs. Mickey Useldinger at her 2027 Kathy Way home. Mrs. Mickey Malone shared hostess honors.

Highlight of the evening was the playing of traditional shower games, with prizes going to Mesdames Vivian Keith, Opa Patton, Doria Watson, and Useldinger. At the conclusion of the festivities, refreshments of ice cream, coffee, and cake were served.

FIRST AID COURSE TO BEGIN TUESDAY

Mrs. Maede Ferguson of Ketter Knolls will instruct the standard first aid course to be given next Tuesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. at the WALTERIA Recreation Center, 242nd St. and Ocean Ave., WALTERIA.



ROYAL RITES . . . Participating in last Tuesday evening's installation ceremony, held at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., were these new leaders, past oracles, and installing officers of Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors of America. The formal rites featured purple and white in the color scheme.

GOLD STAR MOMS SEAT OFFICERS

White and gold flowers decorated the American Legion hall in Redondo Beach last Tuesday night for a formal ceremony installing new officers of Torrance Memorial Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers.

About 70 members and guests watched as the leaders, gowned in white formals accented with gold and white corsages, were seated by Mrs. Martha Murphy, installing officer.

The new executives are Mesdames Opal Andrews, president; Gertrude Dobson, first vice-president; Martha Evans, second vice-president; Phyllis Hamilton, corresponding; recording secretary and custodian of records; Gertrude Lawrence, treasurer; Orpha Wilson, chaplain; Anna Heid, color guard; Ruby Ashcraft, sergeant-at-arms; Helen Smith and Regina Cunningham, colorbearers; Edith Erbe, chapter historian; and Beatrice Neight, musician.

Following the ceremony, refreshments of sandwiches, cake, and coffee were served.

LEGION LADIES SET TUESDAY CARD FETE

Bridge, canasta, and pinochle will be on the agenda next Tuesday night, Jan. 27, when Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170, American Legion Auxiliary, holds a 7:30 o'clock card party at the Legion Hall.

Refreshments will be served following card play. The public is invited.

Purple, White Color Royal Neighbors' Installation Rites

Royal colors of purple and white made a colorful setting of the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., last Tuesday evening when Torrance Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, installed 1953 officers.

Installed to head the group was Mrs. Sam Shepherd, oracle. Assisting her during the year will be Mary Schroeder, past oracle; Opal Hoy, vice oracle; Lucilla Johnson, chancellor; Verdie Grimm, recorder; Belva Brase, receiver; Sophie Duncan, marshal; Della Hoy, assistant marshal; Lillian Nelson, inner sentinel; Velma Scanlon, outer sentinel; Dorothy Maloy and Deloris McVicar, managers; Lucille Meyer, musician.

City PTA Elects Nominating Group

Mrs. William Coburn, elected at last Thursday's meeting, will head the Torrance Elementary School PTA nominating committee. Assisting her will be Principal Robert Morton and Mesdames James Shidler, Gordon S. Jones, M. W. Tappin, and Charles Mullen, parliamentarian.

JUVENILE PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHT TUESDAY NORMONT PTA MEET

Sgt. Earl Johansen, who is in charge of the juvenile division of the Los Angeles Police Department, will tell of problems in dealing with juveniles at Tuesday's Normont PTA session to be held at the school.

Other program highlights will include a talk on current student health problems by Mrs. Kay Mathis, school nurse, and a dance by Mary Carmen Ochoa, Normont pupil.

C. MYRICK TO WED LOUISIANA MISS

Mrs. Bessie Myrick, 1454 W. 216th St., is announcing the wedding of her son, Staff Sgt. Carl Myrick, to Miss Hazel Barbara Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lee of West Lake, La.

Myrick, now stationed with the U. S. Army Air Force at Lake Charles, La., and his fiancée are planning a spring wedding.



NEW LEADERS . . . Mrs. Opal Andrews of Gardena, center, standing, took office as president of Torrance Memorial Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, at last Tuesday night's formal installation ceremony, held at the Legion Hall in Redondo Beach. Also installed were, standing, left to right, Mesdames Ruby Ashcraft of Redondo Beach, sergeant-at-arms; Martha Evans of Torrance, second vice-president; Gertrude Dobson of Gardena, first vice-president; and Edith Erbe of Gardena, chapter historian. Seated, left to right, Regina Cunningham of Torrance, color bearer; Anna Heid of Redondo Beach, color guard; Helen Smith of Torrance, color bearer; Gertrude Lawrence of Redondo Beach, treasurer; Orpha Wilson of Redondo Beach, chaplain; and Phyllis Hamilton of Lomita, corresponding and recording secretary and custodian of records. Not pictured is Beatrice Neight of Gardena, musician.

Flower Show Date Revealed

Annual Flower, Arts, and Hobby Show, sponsored jointly by Torrance Terrace Garden Club and the City Recreation Department, will be held this year on May 22, 23, and 24, it was announced at last week's Wednesday meeting of the Garden Club, held at the 1008 Acacia Ave. home of Mrs. A. C. Turner.

Site of the show, as in previous years, will be at the Civic Auditorium. Garden Club members also made plans for a tree-planting ceremony in the kindergarten yard at Hallidale Ave. School to commemorate Arbor Day, March 6. Mrs. Minot Rugg, publicity chairman, took the program spotlight with a talk on azaleas.

CITY DENTAL HEALTH DAY SET FEB. 2

Citizens, schools, youth and civic organizations will join Monday, Feb. 2, in observing Children's Dental Health Day in Torrance, according to a proclamation issued this week by Mayor M. M. Schwab.

Reason for the special observance were set down by Mayor Schwab as follows:

Because dental health decay is one of the most prevalent diseases of childhood and one which, if neglected, will lead to more serious consequences; Because dental decay can best be attacked through emphasis on preventive dental care for children;

Because members of the Third District of the Los Angeles County Dental Society are concerned with the necessity of bringing to the public's attention the need for more and better dental care and dental health education for all children.

Girl Scouts Tour Nursery

Eleven Girl Scouts of Troop No. 938, sponsored by Torrance Elementary PTA, learned more about plants Saturday of last week when they took a bicycle trip to a wholesale nursery in Lomita.

The Scouts learned about mixing soil, how plants are seeded, and methods of transplanting. Each girl received a dozen pansy plants to raise at home.

These plants will be on exhibit at the PTA Open House in April. Girls making the tour were Donna Dunklin, Gay Larsen, Marie Turner, Louise Otterstein, Karen Korth, Judy and Janice Fredrickson, Mary Drazkowsk, Mimi Alarcon, Joyce Wray and Barbara Hannan. They were accompanied by Mesdames Stanley Larsen, E. K. Cunningham and Andres Alarcon.

JayCettes Slate Valentine Luncheon for Newcomers

Prospective members will be honor guests of the JayCettes at a Valentine's Day luncheon, to be held at Welch's in Long Beach.

Following the luncheon, a preview of spring fashions will be shown.

Plans for the event were told club members at last Tuesday night's meeting, held at the Chamber of Commerce building, by Mrs. Howard Percy, chairman.

Election of Mrs. Grace Hansen as vice president also highlighted the session. Mrs. Hansen will take the place of Mrs. Bert Lamb, who is moving with her husband to Cathedral City.

Now Is Time To Register For Leadership Training, Says Girl Scout Chairman

Anyone interested in enrolling in Girl Scout leadership training courses for the spring months should register immediately, Mrs. Earl Brest, harbor section public relations chairman, announced this week.

"If fewer than eight persons register for any one course, it will be cancelled," she said in emphasizing need for early sign-ups.

Each person interested should contact her neighborhood chairman, or, if she does not belong to a neighborhood group, the adult education registrar, Mrs. Stan Weiss, 24507 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, at Lomita 757-R.

First course covering intermediate basic leadership, will begin Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Homer Toberman Settlement House, 131 N. Grand St., San Pedro. Successive meetings will be held Feb. 19, 23, and 26, and March 2 and 5.

A licensed camper training class will begin March 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Torrance Park, with Mrs. Manuel Carter in charge. The class also will meet March 12, 17, and 19, and will feature an overnight camping trip.

Instruction in Brownie basic leadership will be given April 7, 9, 14, 16 and 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1432 Engracia Ave. Mrs. Harold Carpenter will conduct this class.

School Kids Fete Teacher

Sixth graders at Torrance Elementary School took over the classroom Friday of last week to honor their teacher, Dennis Murphy, with a pre-birthday celebration.

As school will be out in August when the instructor's birthday rolls around, the children decided to hold the fete this month, said Mattie Bumpass, one of the principals on the committee arranging the affair. Others who joined in planning the afternoon's fun and refreshments were Marsha Tappin, Dennis Wainwright, Margaret Reddington, Diane Wieker, Judy Franklin, Sally Dugan, Mimi Cowan, and Judy Wister.

Juniors Net \$173 For Polio Fund

Over \$173 flowed into the local March of Dimes Fund Saturday of last week as members of the Junior Woman's Club, under the direction of Mrs. L. G. Jones, chairman, solicited contributions from downtown shoppers.

Armed with Scotch tape and adding machine tape, the women gathered on street corners from 10 a.m. to 12 noon collecting silver and greenbacks, and taping them to the sidewalk to show progress of the drive.

Assisting Mrs. Jones with the campaign were Mesdames Anne Kechn, Joseph Helphand, R. R. Dexter, W. W. Hamilton, Douglas P. Baldwin, John Kemp, Robert Mowry, Howard Percy, V. U. Kilburn, William Pearson, George Stevens, Robert Stewart, Gilbert Armstrong, and Miss Agnes Bolter.

Lomita PTA Changes Two Meeting Dates

Lomita Elementary PTA will hold its Founders' Day celebration on Thursday, Feb. 19, instead of Feb. 5, as announced in the bulletin. Mrs. Harold Jack, president, revealed at the January executive board session, held at her 25203 Pennsylvania Ave. home.

Date of the March meeting also was changed from the 12th to the 19th.



STARS IN MUSICAL . . . When the Pepperdine College Music Department presents its winter opera, "The Mikado," on the Pepperdine stage Feb. 5 and 6, Miss Elaine Rehewold will appear in one of the leading roles, the part of Peep-Bo. A graduate of Torrance High School, Miss Rehewold is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rehewold, 1601 El Prado. She is a sophomore, education major at the college and is active in music, drama, and sports. She also is treasurer of the sophomore class.